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55 Baker Street London

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Contract Value:
£3 million

Contract Period:
2005 - 2008

Architect:
Make Architects

Main Contractor:
HBG Construction Ltd

Client:
London & Regional

Scope of Works:
Design and installation of
metal ceilings and chilled
beam enclosures



Clark & Fenn, working closely with the design and construction team, were awarded the contract to supply and install the metal ceilings that are crafted around the chilled beams throughout the project. This presented significant challenges as the mechanical and electrical infrastructure had to be compressed into the limited ceiling void. The team are very proud of their achievement using their experience and expertise they provided the necessary performance engineering solutions to produce 477 special tiles types to achieve the innovative conceptual design.

The original building, constructed in the 1950's, was formerly the headquarters of Marks & Spencer and takes up 1/13th of Baker Street. It has now been transformed into a modern, dynamic complex with 500,000 sq ft of prime office space, 60,000 sq ft retail and leisure space and 25,000 sq ft residential space spread over the basement, ground floor and eight floors above ground. The approach was not just to merely renovate but to completely reinvent the entire building as a landmark development. Despite it's radically

improved appearance, internally and externally, 50% of the existing built fabric has been retained which created significant challenges because of the limited floor to ceiling height in the original building. The scheme has 3000 chilled beams set into the ceilings installed not only for energy efficiency but also as a feature of the development.

